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May Conduct Annual Meeting in Auditorium

If Furnishings Arrive on Schedule, Building May Be in Useable Condition by March—Plasterers to Start Work on Monday

Andover may have held its last town meeting in the present town hall, if a hope expressed by officials on the local P.W.A. school project yesterday comes true. If the furnishings arrive on schedule, it is possible that the town meeting two and a half months hence may be held in the new auditorium, which though not completely finished at that time will be useable.

On Monday morning the plasterers will start work, and this is expected to employ four or five more Andover men. At present there are 29 Andover men on the job, the other 21 being mostly skilled help such as roofers, metal lathers, and insulation men not available here.

The hall will most certainly be ready for graduation in any event, it was stated. The contractors hope to complete work by April 1, although there may be a few minor things to do.

The buildings are all closed in at present, and the heat has been on to dry them out. The colors are all sampled out on the wall, and the committee will select the color scheme this week-end.

This Sober Town

Chats About You and Us and the Other Folks Here in Andover

Lucky Birds

There are a good many of our feathered friends here who are mighty glad that a person like Mrs. Goodhue of School street lived in Andover. The late academy benefactor used to follow the very fine habit of having the birds fed every morning, with the result of course that her estate proved a very popular eating-place for birds.

Mrs. Goodhue has passed on, but it is probably the memory of her desire to have the birds fed daily that the practice is still being carried on by her chauffeur, who faithfully every day goes to the Goodhue estate to do what would be done if Mrs. Goodhue were still living.

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We Didn't Get the Money, Either

"The love of money may be the root of all evil," but it certainly is a great leveller. Everybody wants it—if a person has millions, he wants more, and if a person has as much as many of us, he wants more.

That $175 down at the Colonial theatre finally found a taker last Monday night in the person of William Beaulieu. The crowd had begun to gather early, some young, some old, some well-to-do, some poverty-stricken. Bank officials, mill workers, town officials, even newspapermen were there. It was mighty cold, but after all what's a pair of frozen feet when there's $175 at stake? The theatre was packed, the lobby was packed, the sidewalk was packed, and the road was pretty well packed, too. Cars lined both sides of the street from the square almost down to the station, and other cars had considerable difficulty crawling through, although Officer Jack Deyermond who we expect also had his eye on the $175, came down from the square to straighten things out. After all, when the whole of Andover is at one spot, the police department should be there too.

The announcement was due about quarter of eight, but the theatre was practically sold out shortly after it opened about half past six. Those who were far-sighted enough to come early were able to gain the protection of the lobby, but the others including us were out on the sidewalk. We went down just to get a story on it, not to get the money—you don't have to believe that, we don't, ourselves.

There were innumerable stirs in the gathering, and everyone's neck craned to see if the announcer had arrived. Every time the theatre door opened stiff necks unlimbered, but it wasn't until about 8:15 that the announcer came out. Slowly, agonizingly slowly, he read off the number, which eliminated us right away because ours only has three digits and the lucky one had four. We'll have to see about changing ours. And then came the cry: "Here!" After six weeks of no "Here," the unexpected had happened. Necks unlimbered again as Mr. Beaulieu mounted the steps. Everyone envied him, but being near Christmas everyone rejoiced with him. We did, too, but we couldn't help but wish that everyone were rejoicing with us instead of him.

News of Other Days

What You and Your Neighbors Were Doing in Days Gone By

Twenty-five Years Ago

James Dick, whose home is on Cuba street, but who is at present located in Des Moines, Iowa, is to leave that city for the western coast after January 1.

Catherine McCollison, the six-weeks'-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James McCollison of Stevens street, was accidently smothered in the bed clothes on her bed on Monday. The funeral was held Tuesday.

William Sutcliffe of Boston was in town on Christmas day.

Miss Pearl Ralph, who is teaching in South Royalton, Vt., spent Christmas in town with her parents.

James Abbott, son of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Abbott of Andover street, who has been engaged for the past three years in the sugar refining business in California, is renewing acquaintances during a two weeks' visit at his home.

Charles G. Willard of Newcastle, Me., has been appointed submaster of Punchard school.

The work of enlarging the quarters in the Andover Savings bank has been going on for the past few weeks and the officials are looking forward eagerly to an early opening of the new rooms.

In Andover Friday evening, December 23, by Rev. F. A. Wilson, William Stirling, Jr., and Elizabeth W. Doig, both of Andover.

Ten Years Ago

Vice-President and Agent Fred H. Sargent of the Lawrence Gas and Electric company announced Friday that the company rate for electricity for lighting would be reduced about six-tenths of a cent per kilowatt hour.

Misses Annie and Jean Dundas have sold their house on Summer street to Francis Sweeney, and they will leave the first part of January for Florida, where they will make their home.

Charles Davis has severed his connection with the Andover fire department.

Dr. Elwin D. Lane was installed as worshipful master of the local Masonic lodge last week. Harry Sellars was the installing master.

Miss Pamelia Proctor and George Adams won the Goldsmith speaking prizes last Friday evening.

Mrs. Herbert P. Carter and her baby son, Thomas Edward, have returned from the hospital.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE TO MEET

A meeting of the Clan auxiliary social committee will be held Friday night at 7.30 at the home of Miss Ina Petrie in Chickering court.

Midnight Show at Colonial Theatre

The Colonial Theatre on Essex street will run a midnight show on New Year's Eve for the first time in its history. The program will start at 11.30 and last about three hours.

Tickets will be on sale in advance at the regular admission prices.

The program will include "Three Kids and the Queen" with May Robson; "This Is the Life," with little Jane Withers; a Mickey Mouse, and some special extra reels.

Andover Draws into Second Place Tie

Handling the ball in the penalty area was suicidal for the Lawrence soccer team here last Sunday, since McGrath booted in the penalty kick to score the only goal of the game. The victory brought Andover into a second place tie in the Merrimack Valley district league.

The goal came in the first period when Barclay, playing right full for the Lawrencians, handled the ball. Neither side came near scoring after that.

The local line-up: Deyermond, g.; Dundas, r.b.; V. Densevitch, l.b.; Simes, r.h.b.; Hunt, c.h.b.; A. Densevitch, l.h.b.; Campbell, r.o.f.; Denholm, r.i.f.; McGrath, c.f.; Smith, l.i.f.; Thompson, l.o.f.

Summary—Andover 1 goal, Lawrence 0. Referee—R. Mills. Linesmen—J. Thompson and J. Harrison. Time—Two 35-minute periods. Goal scored by McGrath (penalty).

S. AND C. CLUB TO MEET

The Square and Compass club will meet next Thursday evening.

Christmas Program at Indian Ridge

The Christmas program given at the Indian Ridge school last Friday was announced by John McGrath. The program follows:

Song, Christmas Bells	Grades III, IV
Recitation, Christmas Dolly	Claire Darby
Acrostic, Merry Christmas	Grades V, VI
Song, What Can I Give Him	Grades I, II
Recitation, Christmas Everywhere	William Munro
Recitation, The Christmas Candle	William Valentine
Song, O Come All Ye Faithful	Grades V, VI
Exercise, What Did We Get For Christmas?	Grade III
Recitation, Something Wrong	Barbara Munro
Song, The Song of the Reindeer	Grades I, II
Exercise, Christmas Suggestions	Grades V, VI
Recitation, Christmas Shopping	Doris Gillespie
Christmas Songs	Grades I, II
Exercise, Poinsettias	Grade IV
Song, Hark The Herald Angels Sing	Grades V,VI
Exercise, What I'd Like To Be	Girls of Grades I, II
Recitation, A Visit From St. Nick	Robert Lowe
Song, Santa's Coming	Grade II
Exercise, Secrets	Grade IV
Exercise, The Bells of Christmas Time	Grade VI
Song, Away in a Manger	Grades III, IV
Recitation, Christmas Ornaments	Barbara Ferrier
Recitation, A Little Girl's Piece	Pauline Granville
Play, The Happiest Christmas	
Constance Swenson, Margaret Kydd, Catherine Pattullo, Alex Waldie, Clifford McKee	
Recitation, Adieu	Jack Arabian, Edward Henderson
Closing Song, Silent Night, Duet	Constance Swenson, Kathleen Valentine

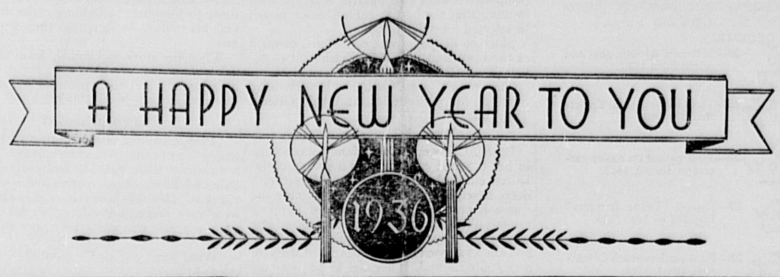
CHRISTMAS LEAVE IN YOSEMITE VALLEY

Ensign Allan C. Edmands, who is stationed on the U.S.S. West Virginia at San Pedro, California, has written home to his mother that he is spending his Christmas leave in the Yosemite Valley in California with a shipmate. He writes, "It sure is good not to be wakened at five in the morning with someone hammering on the deck overhead. We turned in at nine o'clock last night (they are staying at Yosemite Lodge), but won't turn in till 10 o'clock tonight (December 22) because we want to see them push the bonfire over the cliff.

"Yesterday we went up to Badger Pass and did some skiing. It was the first that 'Mike' had ever done but he got along all right. We decided to walk back the 20 miles to the lodge, but were picked up when we had walked a mile. Today we did a lot of hiking and took pictures. Yosemite Falls has very little water going over it just now. We walked to the foot of the falls and then to Mirror Lake at the foot of Half Moon Dome, one of the highest cliffs rising from the floor of the valley, 3500 feet straight up.

"Christmas we will spend with some of Mike's relatives in Hollywood.

"It is plenty cold when we get up in the morning but the air and water up here are swell and I wish I could spend more time here. Gee! when I was a kid I never dreamed I would see the Yosemite. Wish you were here."



To Mark Birthday of English Bible

The Christian Endeavor society of the Free church is sponsoring a special service to be held on Sunday evening at seven o'clock. This service is held in commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the printing of the first complete English Bible by Miles Coverdale.

Mrs. Frank Greenquist will give a monologue, depicting what happened to Miles Coverdale in those trying times. She has arranged this from a play entitled "The Coming of Light" by Marcus L. Bach.

Miss Frances Hartmann is the chairman of the committee on Bible exhibit. Anyone having a Bible that is in any way a curiosity or antique is requested to bring it early for the Bible exhibit table.

Mr. Steven T. Byington of Ballardvale will be present and exhibit his collection of Bibles in various languages and he will read familiar passages in foreign languages.

All are cordially invited to attend this interesting service.

FREE LECTURE TONIGHT

By arrangement with the anthropological societies holding their annual meeting in Andover, the public is cordially invited to attend the session in George Washington hall this evening at 8.00 o'clock.

Dr. Matthew W. Stirling, Director of the Bureau of American Ethnology, will show his interesting pictures, dealing with "Aboriginal Life in New Guinea."

There will be no admission charge.

Disabled Veterans Tendered Party

Among those of the Essex county Legion auxiliary members who helped make Christmas a cheery one for the veterans at the Danvers state hospital were a number of ladies of the local auxiliary. Last Sunday a group of local members made the trip to Danvers where a Christmas party was held under the direction of the rehabilitation chairmen of the various auxiliaries. Mrs. Harry Gouck is local chairman.

In addition to the entertainment each veteran was also presented with gifts and goodies. Two local children, George Levi and Dorothy Davis, were among the entertainers.

Those attending from the local auxiliary were: Miss Ethel Hilton, president; Mrs. Harry Gouck, Mrs. Kenneth MacDonald, Mrs. Harry Wrigley, Mrs. Joseph Levi, Miss Doris Hilton and Miss Elizabeth Hilton.

THIMBLE CLUB TO MEET

The Thimble club will meet next Thursday at 2.30 in the Square and Compass club. Mrs. Helen F. Consalus, president of the Essex county club of women, will speak.

TO HOLD WHIST

A whist is to be held at the home of Mrs. Kenneth MacDonald on Maple avenue by the Legion auxiliary tonight.

Collapses, Dies at Local Warehouse

Walter Martin, 53, of Ridge street, Methuen, died suddenly Saturday afternoon at the Vermont Tea and Butter company warehouse. Medical aid was called, but he had died when Dr. J. J. Daly arrived.

Mr. Martin had been out checking the oil in his car and he returned to the closet where oil was kept. He was seen to stagger, and three men nearby rushed to his aid. They were Aaron J. Berenson, George P. Fielden and Charles Curran.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES

Melvin G. Grover of New York City spent the holiday with his parents on Harding street

Francis Sweeney, student at Villanova college has been spending the vacation at his home on High street.

David Black of Burnham road has been undergoing treatment at the eye and ear infirmary in Boston.

Miss Marion Macdonald of the high school staff underwent a minor operation at the Salem hospital on Saturday morning.

Misses Helen and Mariatta Tower of Phillips street are enjoying a vacation at their home. They are students at Wellesley.

Miss Marion Wilkinson of Onset is spending the Christmas vacation with her mother, Mrs. Marion L. Wilkinson of Main street.

Albert Batchelder and Conrad Nollett of this town are on the honor roll for the first term at the agricultural department of the Essex Agricultural school.

John L. Noyes of Lovejoy road and William L. McDonald of Lupine road have been drawn for jury service in the Superior court at Salem beginning January 22.

Harold T. Houston of Shawsheen village spoke yesterday noon before the Lawrence Rotary club on the social security act and the Massachusetts Unemployment compensation act.

Miss Doris Wade is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert N. Wade of 12 Canterbury street. She is attending the Colby junior college, New London, N.H.

Howard W. Walker of North Main street, former Punchard, Cushing and Brown star, will play for Catholic University of Washington, D. C., in the Orange Bowl football game against the University of Mississippi on New Year's day at Miami.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman L. Tewksbury and daughter Frances of Woodridge, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Bjorkman and son Alan of Swampscott, and Mrs. L. A. Putnam of Lowell spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Willis Tewksbury of Hidden road.

John Deyermond, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Deyermond of Shawsheen road, has returned home for the Christmas holidays from New Hampton school, New Hampton, N. H. He reached the semi-finals in the recent Ordway Public Speaking competition in which all students of the school participate.

American Woolen Appeals on Tax

Files Formal Plea with State Board—Expert Concludes Work for Town

The American Woolen company, owners of the Shawsheen mills, Andover's largest taxpayer, have entered a formal appeal before the State Board of Tax Appeals on its assessment here. The company had asked for a further reduction of $100,000 in valuation, but the selectmen refused. A reduction of this amount had been granted a year ago.

The selectmen, through a special reserve fund transfer, have hired an expert on mill machinery to appraise the machinery in the local mills, and he has completed his work. He is expected to be the town's star witness when the case comes up.

The date will be set by the Tax Appeal board. A hearing will be held and then the decision will be rendered. It will be some months before this is done.

P. T. A. Visiting Days Jan. 8, 9, 10

Instead of the regular January meeting of the Andover Parent-Teacher association, the organization will observe visiting days on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, January eighth, ninth and tenth.

The aims of the Andover Parent-Teacher association are like those of the state and national associations: the welfare of the children and co-operation between the home and the school. To promote this co-operation the best plan is to have parent and teacher work together.

It is hoped that every parent of children in the central schools will visit the schools on these visiting days. The father as well as the mother should take this opportunity to see his child at work, for a teacher can help much more if she knows both parents. A parent can be of much more help if he or she understands the methods used in modern education, if parents come and see the room as a whole and not just as it concerns the individual child.

EXTEND LIQUOR TIME LIMIT

The sale of liquor in local restaurants on New Year's eve has been extended by the selectmen to 1 a.m.

NOVEMBER CLUB TO ENTERTAIN CHILDREN

The November club will meet Monday, December 30, at 3.15. The program has been planned especially for the children, and "The Great George" will furnish the entertainment of the afternoon.

Not Seriously Hurt as Car Overturns

Harry J. Dill, 34, of 73 School street narrowly escaped serious injury and possible death early Sunday morning when his car left the road on Argilla road, climbed an embankment, struck a tree and bounded back onto the highway where it turned over. Although the car was a complete wreck, Dill received only a few minor cuts and bruises about the face. He was treated at the office of Dr. East.

Officers Frank McBride and Ray Hickey investigated.

Strikes Blinker in Shawsheen Square

For the second time in two weeks a Shawsheen traffic light, this time the blinker in Shawsheen square, was struck by a stolen car when Rudolph Williams, colored horse groom of Oakland, Calif., caromed off it last Friday afternoon. The car, going police estimated about 70 miles per hour, did not stop until it reached the Balmoral Spa. It narrowly missed hitting Police Officer James Walker.

Williams was taken to the Lawrence General hospital where it was found that his injuries were only minor. He was then lodged at the local police station.

Saturday morning he pleaded guilty to charges of operating while under the influence, drunkenness, operating without a license and operating to endanger. He was held in $650 bonds when the case was continued until this morning. Lawrence police have brought a charge of larceny of the car.

BASKETBALL GAMES WANTED

The North Reading town basketball team and the Girls' team would like to arrange games with local teams. Anyone desiring to play either of these cutfits should communicate with Thomas Oakman, Box 100, North Reading.

Do You Spell "Abbot" with One or Two "T's"—Paper Read at Historical Society Gives Nine Spellings

The following paper, Abbots-Abbotts, was prepared and read by William A. Trow at the meeting of the Andover Historical society which was held at the Isaac Abbot tavern on Elm street in October 1934.

So much interest has been shown that, at the request of the society, the Townsman takes pleasure in reprinting it for the satisfaction of its readers.

ABBOTS—ABBOTTS

There were six families of Abbots in early American History:

George of Norwalk, Conn.
Robert of Branford, Conn.
Arthur of Ipswich, Mass.
George of Rowley, Mass.
George of Andover, Mass.
Thomas of Andover, Mass.

The name Abbot is derived from Hebrew Ab- meaning father, through the Syriac Abba, which designation originated in Syria, whence it spread throughout the East and is generally accepted as the designation of the head of a monastery. Old English writers spelled it with one "t" until about 1588-89, when the sons of Maurice Abbot, viz: George Abbot, Lord Bishop of Canterbury, Robert Abbot, Bishop of Salisbury, Sir Maurice Abbot, Kinght, Lord Mayor of London, etc., all changed to Abbott and Sir Maurice changed his given name to Morris.

Rev. Abiel Abbot, compiler with others, of the Abbot Register, also author of Abbot's History of Andover, published 1829, inclines to the one "t".

There were three George Abbots among the six pioneers in America,—George, first in Andover, and William in a joint deed, both signed, spelling the last name Abbot. For your further consideration, I offer the following ways of spelling, taken from old deeds in Salem: Abbut, Abbutt, Abbot, Abbet, Abbett, Abot, Abott, Abboot and Abbitt.

George of Rowley before 1660, signed his with two t's. This George was probably Uncle of George (1) of Andover.

George (1) of Andover married Hannah Chandler in Roxbury, in 1647. Tradition says that the Abbots, Chandlers and Ballards came to America on the same boat—1633-34. They came from Andover, Hants Co., England.

In addition to their deep religious and home loving qualities, they were pioneers, in a broad way, for we find them migrating to Wilton, Greenfield, Peterboro, Andover and Pennacook (near Concord), New Hampshire and Andover and Dexter, Maine, and in most of the places named, they were of the original proprietors. They seemed to prefer the peaceful ways of life and were very desirous of getting a higher education, and we find many ministers, teachers, professors, doctors and lawyers bearing this name.

Samuel Abbot, merchant of this town, contributed about $100,000 to the founding, in 1807, of Andover Theological Seminary, and Sarah Abbot Abbott, widow of Nehemiah Abbott, a trustee of Phillips Academy, Andover, was the inspiration for the founding in 1829, of Abbot Academy. She contributed about $11,000 for this purpose. Hon. Amos Abbott, who resided in this house (the Old Abbot Tavern) 1848 to 1861, was a member of both Massachusetts House and Senate, also U. S. Senator from this state.

The compiler of the Abbot Register says that the Abbots did not aspire to public office, but in an account of the annual town meeting of Andover in the year 1788, there were nineteen Abbots and Abbotts elected to town office, our Isaac being selectman, town clerk and clerk of the markets. At this same meeting the highway surveyors numbered thirty-nine and Hon. Samuel Phillips was one. Ninety-nine pounds was "voted for hire of grammar and primary schools."

"The Abbots as Pioneers"

John Chandler, Nathaniel Abbot, Edward Abbot and others, petitioned in 1721 to be allowed to assume proprietorship of territory called Pennycook (now Concord, N. H.) but were not granted this privilege until two or three years later, when John Chandler was appointed to clear and straighten a way through the woods from Haverhill to Concord, N. H., and this Chandler trail came from Haverhill through Bradford (then Rowley village) down Elm street by this Abbot tavern, crossing the Shawsheen near Abbot's village over Shawsheen road to Lincoln to Chandler road and along this road to Parker's Ferry, which crossed Merrimack river from near where the Pond brook (now Fish brook) empties into the Merrimack to Pine Island, and then to the other side, passing through Dracut, Pembroke, Londonderry to Pennycook (now Concord, N. H.).

The Abbots always had the Chandlers along to fight their battles. This expedition was no exception, for when they arrived to "spy out the land" in 1726, they found squatters there who warned them away, but John Chandler stood his ground, and later we find them firmly entrenched there with block houses at either end of the settlement, one belonging to Edward Abbot, and original proprietor. The other was a Stickney house. John Chandler was captain in charge of both garrisons.

Concord, with Wilton, Peterboro, Greenfield and others mentioned, became the refuge for Abbots, Chandlers, Holts and Stickneys, who were forced out of the paternal nest. We are told that Reuben Abbot drove the first oxtream over this trail, or one of his own making and settled in Concord, and it took courage on the part of the young man to do this.

Another journey was that of Jeremiah Abbot with his mother on a pillion behind him, rode to Wilton, N. H., and so we have the many Abbots of Wilton accounted for. When Job Tyler sold 12 acres of land to Thomas Abbot, August 28, 1662 (now part of the Baker homestead) he wished onto Thomas the privilege of "paying unto the

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Pick-up in Business Is Outlook for 1936

Survey of Local Conditions Shows Improvement during Past Year—Slight Industrial Let-up at Present Mostly Seasonal

Promises of better economic conditions for 1936 were forecast yesterday in a survey made of the local unemployment situation. There is a slight let-up in industrial activity at present, but there is not nearly so much unemployment in Andover at present as there was a year ago, Dr. J. J. Daly, head of the local welfare department stated. Mill men are expecting a return to the rush business of last summer shortly, since the present let-up is mostly seasonal. The mills are running only one snift in general at present.

In the last few days some of the men who were on the E.R.A. and who received private employment have applied for W.P.A. work, and their names, about 11 in all, have been forwarded to the district office. Charles T. Gilliard, superintendent of the Board of Public Works, hopes to be able to put them to work on the Salem street gravelling project. At present Mr. Gilliard has 84 men on, 41 at the Ballardvale playstead, 31 at Salem street, and 12 in Carmel woods. Dr. Daly has 20 women on the sewing project. This with the 11 who it is expected will be put on makes a total of 115 as compared with 167 on the E.R.A. a year ago, out of a total registration at that time of 586. The 29 Andover men employed on the school project brings the total on federal relief work up to 144.

Town welfare expenditures this year have run higher than a year ago. On December 23 the expenditures compared with the expenditures of the same time last year as follows:

	1934	1935
Public Welfare	8526.37	9268.20
Soldiers' Relief	454.00	1126.26
Mothers' Aid	1151.94	1255.11

The merchants along Main street were almost unanimous this week in their declaration that business was well ahead of last year.

MANCHESTER VS. ANDOVER

One of the games scheduled for Sunday by the Merrimack Valley League will be played on the Andover playstead at 2.30 when the Amoskeag Textile club of Manchester, N. H. meets the Andover club in another league match. During the days of the old Andover United Soccer team this Manchester team at that time was known as the Manchester Light Blues.

British Veterans Choose Officers

Alexander Beedie was elected commander of the British Empire War Veterans association at the annual election held Sunday in the Square and Compass rooms. He succeeds John Greenhow, who has completed a successful year at the head of the organization.

The following were elected: Commander, Alexander Beedie; vice-commander, James Batty; adjutant, George Mitchell; treasurer, Lindsay Kinnear; chaplain, William A. Stevens; drill instructor, David Wallace; color sergeant, Alexander Duke; sergeant-at-arms, Robert Winters and trustee for three years, Robert Cargill.

Musicians' Club in Christmas Meeting

The Andover Musicians' club held its Christmas meeting at the home of Mrs. Philip Ripley recently. The program consisted chiefly of piano numbers, and Mrs. Florence N. Wilson who was a guest of honor for the occasion gave the group a very pleasant treat by playing her Christmas carol. The items of the program were as follows:

Piano Duets
Marriage of the Mice — *Florent Schmidt*
Dance of the Letters — *Florent Schmidt*
Tired Stork — *Florent Schmidt*
Horse of the Dustman's Brother — *Florent Schmidt*
Mrs. Roy Spencer, Mrs. Kenneth Minard

Vocal Solos
Biblischer Liede — *Dvorak*
Mrs. Mervin E. Stevens
Mrs. Angus, accompanist

Piano Solos
Minuet — *Dvorak*
Waltz — *Dvorak*
Mrs. Kenneth Fisk

Violin and Piano
Scene de Ballet — *de Beriot*
Miss Susan Ripley, Mrs. Philip Ripley

Piano Solos
Etude — *Scriabine*
Prelude — *Liadov*
Mrs. Roger Higgins

Flute Solos
Minuet, from L'Arlesienne — *Bizet*
The Little Shepherdess — *Debussy*
Mrs. Clyde White
Mrs. Fisk, accompanist

Piano Solo
Minuet — *Sgambati*
Miss Marion Abbott

Piano Solos
Idylle — *Chaminade*
Chanson Breton — *Chaminade*
La Borque d'Amour — *Chaminade*
Mrs. Frederick Smith

ENTERTAINS FRIENDS

An enjoyable Christmas party was held last Friday night at the home of Miss Ann Jamieson of 23 Washington avenue. The group exchanged gifts and enjoyed a delightful luncheon.

Those present: Misses Ann Jamieson, Mary Dobbie, Eva Bourassa, Mrs. Edward Galaher of North Andover and the Misses Ivy Mercer and Ellen Clark of Methuen.

LEGION CHILDREN'S PARTY

Over 100 children were present Saturday at the annual Christmas party held by the Legion and its auxiliary for the children of veterans. Games were played, and each youngster received a gift, an orange and a box of candy. Refreshments were served.

Prizes in the games were won by Kathleen McCormack, Harold Ness and James Kellett.

Miss Elizabeth Hilton and her committee were in charge.

Girls' Friendly Society Enjoys Christmas Party

The Girls' Friendly society of Christ church, with Helen Smith chairman, enjoyed a merry Christmas party Monday evening at the parish house. The Christmas tree was very decorative. Gifts were presented and ice cream, cake and candy were served to each member. Games were played and carols sung.

During the evening the lucky numbers in the recent sale, which cleared about $42, were drawn: Etta Brown, Billings desk clock; Dorothy Davis, 2 six-pound Greeley's chickens; Mrs. H. L. Gilmartin, Boston, $5; Sally McCoubrie, Greeley's 12-pound turkey.

Monday evening at 6.30 a quarterly supper will be served with Alice Jaques chairman, followed by entertainment and a social evening.

Engagements Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Dewitt Sherman of 124 Main street announce the engagement of their daughter, Marjorie, to Mr. Richard Miles Zecchini of Andover.

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Walker of 24 Arundel street have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jemima M. Walker, to David H. Mason of the Shawsheen Manor.

Miss Walker graduated from Punchard and the Chandler secretarial school. Mr. Mason is in the industrial real estate business. He graduated from Whittier college in California.

FREE CHURCH PARTIES

The various Free church organizations held Christmas programs at their meetings Sunday. At noon the Young Men's Brotherhood met, with Rev. A. Graham Baldwin of Phillips academy giving an address.

At the Margaret Slattery class meeting Mrs. Dana W. Clark read portions of Dickens' Christmas carol. The C. E. society held a party in the evening with Miriam Marr as leader.

Found Half-Frozen in West Andover

Found very nearly frozen on the roadway at the junction of Woodhill road and Haggetts pond road about three on Christmas afternoon, Mrs. Michael O'Connor, 66, of Woodhill road, was rushed to the Lawrence General hospital where she was immediately placed on the danger list. She was treated for a laceration of the right eye wnich she suffered when she fell.

Mrs. O'Connor had intended to walk out to the main road in order to obtain a ride to Lawrence. Police stated that if she had fallen into the bushes rather than onto the roadway, she might not have been found until it was too late.

BAPTIST SCHOOL PARTY

The children of the Baptist church Sunday school and their parents held a Christmas party Tuesday evening in the vestry. Santa Claus appeared with gifts for the children. Refreshments were served.

Carols were sung, with Helen Goff at the piano. Rev. Lorentz I. Hansen told a story.

A pantomime was presented by the primary department with Mrs. Colver J. Stone in charge, and a play, "Santa Claus at School" was given by the children, with Ruth Thompson and Esther Stocks in charge.

V. F. W. CHILDREN'S PARTY

Santa Claus came to town on Monday night to visit the annual Christmas party held by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and auxiliary for the children of members. He told a few delightful stories to the children.

A program of songs and recitations was given by some of the youngsters and there was community singing of the Christmas carols. Refreshments were served. A stocking full of goodies was given each child.

Phone Operators Outfit Children

Once again this year a group of Andover children were made happy, thanks to the local telephone operators who conducted their annual children's party at the exchange last Monday afternoon.

Sandwiches, ice cream, cake and cocoa helped satisfy the "inner man." A complete set of clothing, including a woolen jacket, hat, mittens, shoes, rubbers, two pairs of stockings and two sets of underwear, was given each child.

Prior to the social hour the children sang Christmas carols while awaiting Santa's arrival, and when he did arrive in the person of Alfred Lee of the Lawrence office the youngsters kept him busy shaking his hand and receiving from him a toy and a stocking full of goodies.

Among the officials of the telephone company in attendance were Paul Giles, John Eckert and Franklin Moulton of the Lowell office, Miss Rose Baril, chief operator of the Lawrence office, formerly of the local exchange and District Manager Joseph W. Cassidy.

Miss Margaret Sweeney was chairman of the committee. The operators desire to thank everyone who in any way contributed to the success of the party.

FIREFIGHTERS BUSY

The local fire department has been kept busy during the past week fighting brush fires. On Christmas day there were two such fires, and it was necessary to ring a box alarm to summon the call firemen.

NEW YEAR'S EVE MIDNIGHT SHOW

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Resolutions to Make—and Keep

Every good citizen of Andover wants this town to have the best, happiest, most prosperous year in 1936 that it has ever had. Whether or not the new year will turn out that way depends on the citizens themselves, and we can all guarantee a certain amount of civic happiness and community as well as individual prosperity by each making the following resolutions:

To take an active interest in town affairs.

To go to town meeting.

To vote for only those appropriations which are actually needed.

To secure the maximum of governmental service at the minimum of cost.

To vote at the annual town elections for the candidate best fitted for the position, and not to let any other criterion have any influence.

To urge upon legislators, state and national, to cut down governmental expenditures, all of which the public has to pay eventually.

To work for a new redistricting for Andover so that this town may have the representation it deserves in the state legislature.

To reduce our automobile accident rate more, whether we be motorist, pedestrian or officer.

To fight for a five-cent fare between Andover square and Shawsheen village.

To work for the elimination of the toll call charge between Andover and Lawrence.

To urge the Board of Health to initiate a higher standard of service, including an office in the town hall.

To trade in Andover whenever possible.

To pass a zoning law, for the purpose of making Andover an even more beautiful town.

A Menace to Health

Down at the town house there exists a very serious menace to health which would not be allowed in any school building in the country. School requirements demand a certain amount of window space per classroom, in order to provide both light and air for the pupils. When new mills are built today, or new office buildings, they seem to be all window on a structural skeleton.

Educators and business men realize the need for adequate light and ventilation from a health standpoint, but our own local officials are very lax in this respect. The courtroom in the town house is now being used as a sewing room under the W.P.A. It is a fair-sized room, but there is only one window available for light and ventilation, a condition which would not be tolerated in a school, office or factory.

Everyone knows the impossibility of ventilating a room with only one window. Where people are crowded together as they are in the courtroom, it means that the person near the window receives too much air and the one on the other side receives none. Similarly proper light from one window is an impossibility. Sewing is very hard on the eyes, and it is nothing less than a crime against these women to make them sew in a room where the very meager natural light has to be augmented by very poor artificial light.

These women who have to sit there and sew through no fault of their own, merely to provide enough money to carry their families along, deserve better treatment than that. They should be moved from that room, given better, more healthful quarters. Their eyes and their general health are mighty important to them and to their families; no town should be so lax as to take any chances with anyone's, least of all a mother's, health.

Siftings

A local druggist spilled an eight dollar bottle of perfume on the floor yesterday. Eight dollars gone, with only a scent in return.

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"Congress to Avoid Taxes." Now if the taxpayer could only do the same thing.

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The auditorium may be available for town meeting. Hope that's not just another New Year's resolution.

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Have you catalogued all your presents yet—the ones you'll keep, the ones you'll exchange, and the ones you'll pass on to someone else next year.

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Don't forget to write it 1936. We're going to—forget.

Weddings

Lawrence—Merrick

A wedding of much interest took place on Christmas Day at 11.00 in the morning when Miss Frances Merrick, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Merrick, was united in marriage to John C. Laurence, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Parker of Brimfield, Mass. The double ring service was performed by Rev. Newman Matthews, of the West Parish church in the presnce of the two immediate families.

Mrs. Laurence is a graduate of Radcliffe college and Mr. Laurence graduated from Massachusetts State college. Following the ceremony the members of both families enjoyed a Christmas dinner. In the late afternoon the happy couple left for a wedding trip to Nassau and upon their return they will reside in Harrisburg, Virginia, where the groom is at present located.

COMING MARRIAGE

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Newton of Denver, Colorado, announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Helen, to Roger H. Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lewis of Lowell street. The ceremony will take place on New Year's day at St. Martin's chapel, Denver, with Dean Dagwell officiating.

Miss Newton graduated from South Denver high school and attended the Colorado Agricultural college. She is a member of the Kappa Delta sorority. For the past two years she has been employed as secretary at the Colorado Condensed Milk company.

V. F. W. AUXILIARY SUPPER

Tomorrow evening a catered turkey supper for V. F. W. auxiliary members will be held at six in the post rooms.

Members are asked to bring a gift for the Christmas tree party which will follow.

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How Our Readers Feel

Sez Ab

Dear Zeke:

Mebbe yer rite abaout them goverment boys a buildin a air mail landin field daown here 'n the Vale, but taint worrin us a mite cuz if they dont git along faster than they be a doin the plaguie air ships will be all outer stile fore they git it finished.

Yer hed otter seen the busness our Pust Offis dun this Christmas, gosh, guess most every body in the Vale gut at least one pustal kard

Hope them telephone peepul read that piece abaout themselves, Granpap uster say, "Talk's cheap," course he didn't have a telephone them days.

Yer knaow Zeke I jes couldnt place that Herbie yer spoke of, werent he a president or sumthin.

I see our governor has hired a new Commishner of Eddication, hope hes goin to like our new Junior High Schule, wonder if he cums frum a superier famly.

Things kind of quiet daown here jist naow, haint bin no fires nor nuthin.

Did yer git a rite purty neck tie fer Christmas, Zeke. Even if it werent purty, wear it, cause there's nuthin like keepin peace 'n ones own famly.

Yers, trully
ABNER STOCKINFEET

Sez Zeke

Dear Ab:

Yer rite, Ab; the only thing those fedril offishuls kin do fast is collect the income tax, —they never fergit the 15th of March, do they? By the time they git that Ballardvale playstead job done, the airyplanes will be fixed so they kin land on the pust offis roof, by cracky.

Glad evrybody got a card down thar in the Vale; we sent one down, but we didn't mind that so much becuz all it needed was a cent and a half, and yer know how we are with our ha'pennies. We're derned glad they don't charge a nickel fer us to telephone Ballardvale; if yer wives daown thar and our wives up hyar started talkin at five cents fer evry three minits, they d be able to give their vice-presidents a lot more bonuses at our expense, wouldn t they?

"Herbie?" Don't you know who Herbie is? He's the feller thet used to be presidint before Roosevelt—not the good Roosevelt but the prisint one. Yer know Herbie's sed more since he left the White House than he did while he wuz in it.

Don't know whether the new commishuner's family is superier er insuperier, but we kin tell you whut we think of the head of the guvnor's family. Besides the commishuner didn't need to be of a superier family; all he needed was to be a frined of a friend of a friend of the guvnor.

Glad they nain't bin no fires daown thar; we thut fer a while thet we'd hev to move our whole fire department daown thar, chief, dep'n all. All the numbers they blew were startin with two; we thut we were dreamin tother nite when we heerd a number startin with six while we were in bed.

Ab, hev yer gut enny money thet yer kin invest in a swell proposition? We're goin' to invint a special necktie coverer, and sell thim on the sly to men before Christmas. Then they kin wear their gift tie when they leave the house, and then slip the cover onto it. Sounds good to us, how's it seem to you?

Heppy new year, Ab. Hope the Vale gits less fires, more playstids and same number of pust offis's, dern it.

Hope to hear frum you agin next week, Ab old sock.

Yers,
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DECEMBER

24—Matthew Arnold, poet and critic, born 1822.

25—The Merriest of all Christmases to you!

26—First patent on coffee percolator issued, 1863.

27—Famed "Texas Rangers" founded by law, 1835.

28—First settlers reach Cincinnati, Ohio, 1788.

29—Canadians burn U. S. steamer near Niagara, 1837.

30—Alfred Emanuel (Al) Smith, born 1873. ©WNU

Obituaries

Mrs. Margaret Ledwith

Mrs. Margaret Ledwith passed away Tuesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Chick of 13 Hillside avenue. She was born in Nova Scotia.

The deceased is survived by two sons, Arthur and Rev. Fr. Frewer Ledwith of Hartford, Conn.; one daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Chick; three grandchildren, Mrs. Margaret Blanchard of Bangor, Maine; Mrs. Alice Hutchinson of Shawsheen village; and Austin Ledwith of Melrose; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held this morning at ten o'clock with a mass at St. Joseph's church, Wakefield. Burial was in the Forest Glade cemetery, Wakefield.

Louis Woodbridge

Funeral services were held at the Lundgren funeral parlors on Elm street Tuesday for Louis Woodbridge, formerly of Washington avenue, who died at the home of his niece, Miss Betty Glass, Avalon, Pa., on Saturday morning. He was 75 years of age. Burial was in Ridgewood cemetery, North Andover.

Among the survivors are several cousins, including Perley Woodbridge, Mrs. J. Frank Morse, Clairmont Gray of Andover; Mrs. Joseph Smith and Harold Gray of North Andover and Ira O. Gray and daughter Alice Gray of Newton, N. H., formerly of Andover.

The bearers were: Frank Jamieson, Arthur Jackson, Harold Gray and Burton Abbott.

Mrs. John Sharp

Funeral services were held last Friday afternoon at the Ballardvale Methodist church for Mrs. John Sharp who had died on Wednesday at her home on Andover street. Rev. Everett R. Barrows of Medford, former pastor, Rev. Ellsworth Ewing, present pastor, and Rev. Marion R. Phelps participated in the service.

Burial was in Ridgewood cemetery, North Andover.

The bearers were: George Kenyon, William Littlefield, Louis Semples, Oscar Nordstrom, Orith Samsel and Morton Fuller.

George W. Porter

George W. Porter, 70, died suddenly Tuesday evening at the home of his son, Verne Porter, 9 Elm court. Funeral services were held there yesterday afternoon, and the body was forwarded for burial on Sunday to Springfield, N. S., the place of his birth.

Mrs. Patrick J. Sullivan

Funeral services were conducted at the Free church last Friday afternoon for Mrs. Patrick J. Sullivan of Chestnut street, who died a week ago Wednesday. Rev. Alfred C. Church and Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Wilson officiated. Mrs. Mary Harris was the soloist.

Burial was in Spring Grove cemetery.

The bearers were: John Matthews, John Carney, Sr., Victor Swart, Walter Carney, John Carney, Jr., and James Sullivan.

Mrs. Elizabeth Schofield

Mrs. Elizabeth Schofield, a resident of Andover for a quarter of a century, passed away Wednesday evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ainslee Walker of North Billerica. She was born in England 78 years ago.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Edith Bean, both of North Billerica and Mrs. Arthur Nash of Kittery Point, Me.; one niece, eleven grandchildren and eighteen great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 at Mrs. Walker's. Burial will be in North cemetery, Billerica.

WANT XMAS SEAL RETURNS

In spite of the activity of Christmas shopping, the fund for the prevention of tuberculosis has continued its growth on the last business day of the sale. This Christmas Seal sale campaign makes possible the Essex County Health camp where eighty boys and girls are taught the prevention of this disease. The holiday spirit in fact helped the campaign. But still more is needed! As one man said when he bought a package of seals: "After all, this is a sort of health insurance. They assist in building up our children to resist disease, and the prevention is more than cure and far less expensive."

Thursday, December 26, has been designated as "Hunt Day" in Essex county by the Essex County Health association and the slogan is "Seek Your Seals." This is not a new sporting event, but there are still some seals unaccounted for and they have probably been mislaid. To bring them to light, one day is being set aside in which to hunt them up, and make returns for them. These seals are reposing in desk drawers forgotten temporarily. It is easy to mislay the tiny seals, but they won't fight any tuberculosis in a desk drawer. However, if you will use them, they will serve as a reminder to others.

"We can forget Christmas seals," said one tuberculosis patient, "but we cannot forget tuberculosis. The purpose of the Christmas seal sale is to prevent the disease. Forgotten in a desk drawer or on top of the piano they cannot fight tuberculosis. They must be put into action."

LEGION AUXILIARY PARTY

A Christmas party was enjoyed after the meeting of the Legion auxiliary last night. Santa Claus was present and distributed the gifts.

Games were played with Mrs. Kenneth MacDonald and Mrs. Timothy McCarthy winning the prizes.

Refreshments were served and singing enjoyed.

STOWE SCHOOL NOTES

"A Paper Within a Paper"

GEORGE NICOLL, Editor-in-chief
BRUCE ROOT, Assemblies — EMILY POYNTER, Classroom Activities
DOROTHY CHRISTIE, Clubs — DONALD BOYNTON, Business Manager
JOHN NUNEZ, Sports — BRADFORD HOLT, Asst. Business Manager

Miss Stevens' English classes, 8B, 8C, and 8E have been using the Christmas theme for composition work this month, with the idea in mind that the best in each division might be selected for publication.

Since no 8B paper was considered as good as the best from the other divisions, two 8C papers were taken.

The papers were written by Dorothy Sutcliffe, Mary Broderick, and Alda Grieco. They follow:

Nancy's Christmas

It was Christmas Eve. Nancy was asleep in her hospital cot. She was a pretty curly-haired child about seven years of age with deep, hazel, blue eyes. She was dreaming she was a happy princess running and jumping around like other children, but of course she was only a poor crippled orphan. Suddenly she was awakened from her beautiful sleep by a humming sound. It seemed to be away off somewhere. It proved to be children singing Christmas carols. As she listened she thought, "Oh, I won't have a very Merry Christmas this year. I don't think hospital children ever have Christmas. Who wants to provide Christmas for crippled children any way? People only think of their own children." Sobbing she fell asleep.

When she awakened the next morning, she was astonished to hear "Merry Christmas!" by cheerful children. The voices she had heard that night before had come from these children. They came to bring her presents while she slept.—Dorothy Sutcliffe, 8C

The Christmas Story

One night a little girl hung up her stocking behind the stove. She had put a big piece of cake on the table and said to herself, "Oh, I do hope Santa won't get sick on that big piece of cake."

When she went upstairs to bed, her mother went with her to tuck her in and tell her a story she told Jean every Christmas Eve. First she sang the song, "Silent Night" and then the story began.

Once in a manger was born a little baby. His name was Jesus. Everybody came to see him for they called him a king.

There was a king named Herod who said to his men, "Go and find this baby and kill him." His men came back and told the king that they could not find the baby. Herod was so angry he told his men to go out and kill all babies under two years old. While King Herod's men were doing this, an angel came down to Joseph and told him to take the baby and his mother to Egypt so they would be safe.

When the story had ended, Jean was fast asleep. So her mother went down stairs quietly and put the presents under the Christmas tree.—Mary Broderick, 8C

The Surprise Gift

"Please, ma'am, is there any way I could help you so I could earn some money?" asked a downcast little girl. She had curly blonde hair and large, brown, expressive eyes that twinkled. Her skin was fair, and her clothes were very ragged and dirty. No doubt you could see that she was a very poor child indeed.

"What can you do?" grunted a harsh, stern old hag.

"Most anything," came the answer which was meek but a happy one to hear.

"Get to those dishes and shine them well if you expect to get paid," was the gruff reply.

"Thank you so kindly," was the response, "You see I want . . ."

"What do I care what you want?" she chuckled.

"Yes'm," was all there was said.

One hour! One hour and a half! Two hours struck! In came the old woman and said, "Aren't you through yet?"

"Only two more pots," the child added.

"How much do you expect to get?" came the harsh question.

"Me? Oh, I don't care. Mostly anythin'," she mumbled.

"Here's fifty cents," humphed the old woman. "Are you well pleased?"

"Thank you," she gasped very much surprised at the sum. "Good luck and a Merry Christmas!"

"Bye," mumbled the old woman.

Running, skipping, hopping and even jumping, the girl ran down the street to a store window which showed in it a brown scarf. She came out with it. "Won't mother be well pleased!" she thought as she trotted along home. She was delighted to think how happy her mother would be.—Alda Grieco, 8E

Marriages

Albert Ray Peterson, 810 Beacon street, and Theresa Marie LeSage, same address, at Lawrence City Hall, Tuesday by Gordon E. Gaffney, assistant city clerk.

STRUCK BY TRUCK

David O'Connell, 74, of 95 Chestnut street, was slightly injured yesterday afternoon about 4.45 when he was knocked to the ground by a passing truck as he stepped off the sidewalk in front of the town hall.

The driver, unaware that the man had been hit, continued on. Later a witness failed to identify the driver when the truck was traced, and the driver denied that he had hit anybody.

CHRISTMAS CHEER WINNERS

The following were the winners of a Christmas Cheer that was held under the auspices of the Andover Soccer club and drawn during the Lawrence and Andover soccer game last Sunday: First prize, turkey, David Thompson, Highland road; second prize, turkey, Miss Marion Hilton, North Main street; third prize, chicken, James Waldie, Essex street; fourth prize, basket, James Callahan, Lawrence; fifth prize, basket, John Denholm, Maple avenue.

ANNUAL HOGMANAY PARTY

The annual Hogmanay party will be held by the British War Veterans in the Guild hall on New Year's eve. The entertainment committee is in charge.

B. P. W. WORK

The Board of Public Works men are busy at present putting gravel on River road to prepare it for stone next spring. The drainage work has been completed.

The department is also gravelling a few roads where water trenches were put in this year.

OPERATED AFTER SUSPENSION

George F. Riley, Jr., 29, of South Main street was fined $50 in District court last Saturday morning on a charge of operating after suspension of his license. He pleaded guilty.

Officer Ray Hickey made the arrest last Friday.

Births

A son, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henderson, Tewksbury street, Ballardvale, at the O'Donnell sanitarium, December 22.

Andover Church Services Next Week

SOUTH CHURCH

Sunday, 9.45. Church School and The Little Church. 10.45. Morning Worship and Sermon, "Fulfilling Our Destiny." 10.45, Church Kindergarten. 7.30, Young People's Christmas Party in the vestry.

Thursday, 3.00, Prayer Circle, Women's Union. 4.00, Junior Choir. 7.00, Senior Choir.

Friday, 7.00, Troop 3, Boy Scouts.

FREE CHURCH

Sunday, 9.30, Church School. 10.45, Morning worship with sermon by the pastor. Subject, 400 years plus one—1936? 12.00, Margaret Slattery Class, Mrs. Dana Clark, teacher. 12.00, Young Men's Brotherhood, Mr. William Barnett, president. 7.00, A special service under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor Society, commemorating the 400th anniversary of the printing of the Coverdale Bible. All are welcome.

NORTH PARISH CHURCH

Sunday, 10.30, The Rev. Marvin E. Maris, of West Boxford will preach in exchange with Mr. Beane. Singing by the vested choir. Church School at 9.30. Y.P.R.U. the first Sunday of every month. at 7.30 p.m. For transportation telpehone Andover 739.

UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH BALLARDVALE

Sunday, 10.30, Service of Public Worship. Sermon: "The Best Gifts" Rev. Marion R. Phelps, minister. 11.40, Worship and study in all Departments of the Church School. 5.00, Meeting of the Intermediate Christian Endeavor, leader, Isabel Mills.

Friday, 7.00, Choir Rehearsal. 7.30, January 3, 1936, Major Bowes Amateur Radio Program in the Church Vestry, under the auspices of the Church School.

CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, 8.00, Holy Communion. 9.30, Church School. 10.45, Morning Prayer and Sermon. 6.30, Young People's Fellowship.

Monday, 4.00, Choir: boys. 6.30, G.F.S. Quarterly Supper: Entertainment.

Tuesday, 7.45, Junior Woman's Guild.

Wednesday, 9.30, Holy Communion. 4.00, Choir: boys.

Thursday, 7.30, Holy Communion. 2.30, Woman's Guild. 7.15, Choir: boys and adults.

Friday, 7.15, Boy Scouts, Troop 5.

The Church is open for prayer daily.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, 9.30, Sunday School. 10.45, Morning worship, sermon: "The Baptism." 6.15, Senior C.E.

Friday, 7.00, Choir rehearsal at the home of Mrs. Hansen. 7.15, Boy Scouts, Troop number 74. 8.00, Christmas party of the Philathea Class at the home of Mrs. Alexander Crockett, South Main street.

WEST CHURCH

Sunday, 10.30, Public worship with sermon by the pastor.

Wednesday, 7.00, Annual supper and business meeting of the Church.

SHAWSHEEN COMMUNITY CHURCH

9.30 Sunday School in Balmoral Hall.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH

Tonight, 7.45. St. Therese Devotions.

Sunday. Masses at 6.30, 8.15, 9.45 (high), 11.30. New Year's day. Masses as on Sunday. Mass at Ballardvale at 8 a.m.

TO MEET BOSTON CELTS

The Andover soccer team will meet the Boston Celts in the third round of the Northern Massachusetts and New Hampshire cup competition. The game is to be played before January 6.

P.A. HOOP SCHEDULE

The Phillips academy basketball schedule announced this week follows:

January 22—Lawrence academy. January 29—Northeastern. February 1—Worcester. February 5—New Hampton. February 8—Bridgton. February 15—Tufts. February 19—Governor Dummer. February 26—At Harvard Fresh. February 29—M.I.T. Fresh. March 7—Exeter.

The swimming schedule follows: January 18, Dartmouth (pending); 25, Gardner; February 1, Harvard Interscholastics; 8, Yale fresh; 15, at Worcester; 26, Huntington; 29, at Harvard fresh; March 7, at Exeter.

Six matches have been scheduled for the wrestling team as follows: January 18, Tufts; 25, North Quincy; February 1, Milton; 8, at Taft school; 15, Harvard fresh; March 11, at Exeter.

All Depends on the Pin

The business man was telling a friend of the beginning of his successful career.

"I got my start in life," he said, "through picking up a pin in the street. A wholesale merchant that I had asked for work had turned me down, and on my way out I saw a pin. I —"

"Yes, yes," interrupted the friend. "You picked it up, the merchant was impressed by your carefulness, called you back and made you the head of the firm."

"Not at all," retorted the business man. "I picked up the pin and sold it. It was a diamond pin."—Bennington Banner

"Now, boys," said the teacher, "tell me the signs of the zodiac. You first, Thomas."

"Taurus, the Bull."

"Right! Now you, Harold, another one."

"Cancer, the Crab."

"Right again. And now it's your turn, Albert."

The boy looked puzzled, hesitated a moment and then blurted out: "Mickey, the Mouse."

A Chicagoan, visiting Fon du Lac, Wisconsin, had occasion to call Appleton. Upon asking what the charge was, he was told 50 cents.

"Fifty cents—for that distance? Great Scott! In Chicago you can call up hell for 50 cents."

"Possibly," coolly answered the operator, "it's in the city limits."



"LUELLA," said her mother with a warning look, "take your hand out of those raisins and finish paring the apples for my pies."

"But, I've done most a bushel already," giggled the guilty youngster.

"S'pose you have! How many pies do you figure you children eat? Besides, Christmas time we have to have extras for folks coming in."

"Mercy me," she continued, "It's time for Joel to be home from the church bazaar! Look at that snow!"

Mrs. Dodge opened the cold closet and peered with secret delight at the fast filling shelves. Coffee cans filled with steamed plum puddings, a fine baked ham, frosted chocolate cakes, a whole row of pies—pumpkin and mince; and a big bowl of cranberry sauce, skins and all.

"Sally, you better help Luella with the apples, we're almost finished with the baking; and now if your father



"Mother! Mother!" Shouted Joel, Bounding Into the House.

would bring the turkey, I could stuff it tonight."

She glanced toward the kitchen window—

"My stars! Here comes old Emil Cooper! I'll just give him a jug of that new cider and a mince pie, when he's going home."

Mrs. Dodge had a bountiful nature. She anticipated Emil Cooper and the many other hangers-on, who always showed up around Christmas; while the supply of pies and puddings grew less and less as the visitors departed.

"Father's coming!" cried the children and they ran to the door excitedly to meet him, followed by Mrs. Dodge. But a look of perplexity, almost distress, spread over her face.

"Where's the turkey?" she gasped.

"Fact is—" hesitated Mr. Dodge. "I —I gave it to Ned Blake on the way home—for his poor family. Mother—I couldn't, couldn't help it."

"Well," sighed Mrs. Dodge, with a crest-fallen face, "I guess they need it all right—and we still have the ham."

A light quick step sounded on the snowy porch.

"Mother! Mother!" shouted Joel, bounded into the house with a bundle larger than himself. "See! See what I have! I won the big 25-pound turkey at the bazaar!"

"Why son!" exclaimed Mr. Dodge, "that turkey is twice the size of the one we gave away!"

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"Do you ever yearn for wealth untold?"

"No," answered Mr. Dustin Stax. "Untold wealth is what is giving friends of mine so much trouble about their income tax returns."

Ouch!

The pompous judge glared sternly over his prisoner who had been dragged before the bar of justice on a charge of vagrancy.

"Have you ever earned a dollar in your life?" he asked in scorn.

"Yes, your honor," was the response. "I voted for you at the last election."

A vicar was asked by one of his least respectable parishioners to say prayers on Sunday for Anna Bell. The clergyman did so.

A few days later he asked the parishioner if he desired the prayers for Anna Bell to be repeated.

"No, thank 'ee kindly, sir," answered the village reprobate. "She won last Monday at seven to one!"

A New Duty

Voice (over the telephone): Are you the game warden?

Game Warden: Yes, ma'am.

Voice: Well, I am so thankful I have the right person at last! Would you mind suggesting some games suitable for a children's party?

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LOST—Near the Temple Radio Shop, a brown leather pocketbook. Reward if returned to 46 Salem street.

LOST—While crossing Main street between Miller's Shoe store and the Andover News Co., a brown suede purse containing a sum of money. Reward if returned to the Townsman office.

LOST—A large black cat with a small white spot under chin. Reward. 39 Salem street. Telephone Andover 48.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Pedigreed Cocker Spaniel puppies. R. W. Hall, 53 Poor St., Shawsheen Village.

LEGAL NOTICES

Town of Andover
NOTICE
December 26, 1935

All bills contracted by the Town of Andover must be in the office of the Town Accountant, Mary Collins, duly approved by department heads, by January 6, otherwise payment cannot be made until after the annual town meeting.

MARY COLLINS
Town Accountant

The Andover National Bank

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of The Andover National Bank, will be held at its banking house, 23 Main street, Andover, Mass., Tuesday, the fourteenth day of January, 1936, at 10 o'clock a.m. for the choice of directors and the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

CHESTER W. HOLLAND,
Cashier

Dec. 6, 1935

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
PROBATE COURT

ESSEX, ss.

To all persons interested in the trust estate under the will of Ann Hollows late of Andover in said County, deceased, for the benefit of Mary H. Yule and others.

The trustee of said estate has presented to said Court for allowance its first, and second and final accounts, and has requested that the items thereof be finally determined and adjudicated.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Salem before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the thirtieth day of December 1935, the return day of this citation.

Witness, Harry R. Dow, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fourth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirty-five.

WILLIAM F. SHANAHAN, Register.

Sweeney & Sargent, Attorneys

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
PROBATE COURT

ESSEX, ss.

To all persons interested in the estate of George Edward Smith, late of New York City, in the State of New York, deceased, and to Elizabeth S. Follett, administratrix of the estate of said deceased.

Mabel L. Smith has presented to said Court a petition for distribution of the balance in the hands of the administratrix aforesaid.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Salem before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the sixth day of January 1936, the return day of this citation.

Witness, Harry R. Dow, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this tenth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirty-five.

WILLIAM F. SHANAHAN, Register

Mortgagee's Sale of Real Estate

By virtue and in execution of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Jane E. Booth, of Methuen in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts to the Andover Savings Bank, dated August 16, 1924 and recorded with Essex North District Deeds, Book 503, page 240, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11 o'clock a.m. on Wednesday, the fifteenth day of January A.D. 1936, on the premises hereinafter described all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, and therein described as follows: "A certain parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, situated in Andover in said County of Essex, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Northeasterly corner thereof at land recently conveyed to one Wallace, thence South 7° West 295 feet to land now or once of Ebenezer Jones; thence turning and running South 77° West, 177 feet by land now or once of said Jones to Hidden road so called; thence North 3°3' West 186.5 feet by said Hidden road; thence North 6° 15' East still by Hidden road 106 feet to land now or once of Abbott; thence turning and running South 80° East 210 feet to the point of beginning. Being the same premises conveyed to me by Lewis Greenwood by his deed of even date to be recorded herewith."

Said premises will be sold subject to unpaid taxes, tax titles, and other municipal assessments, if any such there are.

Terms of Sale: Three Hundred Dollars will be required to be paid in cash at the time and place of the sale and the balance in ten days thereafter.

ANDOVER SAVINGS BANK
LOUIS S. FINGER, Treasurer
Present holder of said mortgage

Colver J. Stone, Attorney,
954 Old South Bldg.,
Boston, Mass.

December 20, 1935

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
PROBATE COURT

ESSEX, ss.

To all persons interested in the estate of John E. Lawrence late of Andover in said county, deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court, praying that George E. Lawrence of said Andover in said county or some other suitable person be appointed administrator of said estate.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said court at Lawrence before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the thirteenth day of January 1936, the return day of this citation.

Witness, HARRY R. DOW, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-third day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirty-five.

WILLIAM F. SHANAHAN, Register

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LEGAL NOTICES

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
ASSESSORS' NOTICE

Pursuant to the provisions of Gen. Laws Ter. Ed. Chap. 59, Sec. 29, as amended All Persons, Partnerships and Corporations, Domestic or Foreign subject to taxation in the TOWN OF ANDOVER are hereby notified and required to bring in to the assessors of said town on or before the 31ST DAY OF JANUARY 1936

TRUE LISTS

In case of residents a true list, containing the items required by the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation in the form prescribed by him under Chapter 58, Section 5, of all their polls and personal estate not exempt from taxation, except intangible personal property the income of which is included in a return filed the same year in accordance with Chapter 62, Sections 22 to 25, inclusive, and in case of non-residents and foreign corporations such a true list of all their personal estate in said town or city not exempt from taxation, and all persons, firms and corporations, domestic or foreign, are hereby notified and required to include and set forth in said lists their real estate subject to taxation in said town or city, which lists must be verified as required by Chapter 59, Section 31 (but see chapter 268, section 1A).

Under the provisions of Chapter 59, Sections 29 and 30, as amended, the above mentioned lists must be in form prescribed by the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation. These blank forms may be had at the Assessors' office or will be mailed by them to any address upon application.

In accordance with Chapter 59, Section 29, as amended, all persons, except corporations making returns to the Commissioner of Insurance as required by Chapter 176, Section 38, are hereby required to bring in to the assessors, on or before the day above named, true lists of all real and personal estate held by them, respectively, for literary, temperance, benevolent, charitable, or scientific purposes, on the first day of January, in the current year, or at the election of any such corporation on the last day of its fiscal year last preceding said January first, together with statements of the amounts of all receipts and expenditures for said purposes during the year last preceding said days; such lists and statements to be in accordance with blanks furnished by the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation. Form A.B.C..

JEREMIAH J. DALY
HOWELL F. SHEPARD
J. EVERETT COLLINS
Assessors of Andover, Mass.

His First Christmas

by

Earle Hooker Eaton

RING up the Pole and telephone
Without a moment's pause,
Or by the wireless make it known
To dear old Santa Claus,
That Papa's Boy and Mama's Joy,
And Sister's Precious Mite,
While glad bells clang will gaily hang
His stocking up tonight!

"Ting-ling! Ting-ling! Hello, hello!
Is that you Santa, dear?
Be sure your reindeer hear your 'Whoa'!
When you are passing here.
What's that? You'll come and bring a drum,
A jumping-jack and ball,
And other toys for little boys?
Dear Saint, you're best of all!"

'Tis Christmas morn, and to his shop
Old Santa homeward flies;
'Tis five o'clock, but open pop
The baby's roguish eyes.
We're dead for sleep, but out we creep,
And dress at once to get
What Santa kind, has left behind
For Toddlekins, our pet.

From Pole to Pole there's surely not
A babe more pleased than he.
And how he crows, the happy tot,
And gurgles in his glee.
The jumping-jack, the ducks that quack,
The drum, the horns, the ball,
The chicks that peep, the horse, the sheep,
He tries to eat them all!

On this his first glad Christmas lark,
The toys with blocks he pelts,
He makes old Noah wish the Ark
Had landed somewhere else!
A soldier blue he breaks in two,
A puncture gives the drum,
He fills the air with legs and hair,
And then—he sucks his thumb!

The Sand-Man's surely come to town,
And soft is muvver's lap;
Clear up the wreck and snuggle down,
'Tis time to take a nap.
Then rock-a-bye, close each blue eye,
Rest, my darling, rest!
(He's fast asleep, with baby sheep
Hugged tight against his breast!)

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IMPATIENTLY Louise shoved the steaming pans and kettles into the warming oven. Looking down the driveway as she had done for almost two hours, she exclaimed:

"Of course Horton called that he might be late. But what is keeping sister and Hal, and Aunt Jen, Uncle Jim, Betty and Clyde? Six people invited to a Christmas dinner and all of them late! Accident? Surely not all of them in a heap along the roadside unless each bumped into the other hurrying because they are late to our dinner!" Louise was smiling even before a honk sent her outside.

"Horton, please drive me to Larion crossroads. Maybe we'll meet sister



"Drive Me to Larion Crossroads. Maybe We Will Meet Sister."

and Hal. Maybe they will know why the others are delayed. Sort of a news center at the crossroads, anyway."

"Pshaw! Don't worry. They probably think you will not have dinner promptly at 1 o'clock—"

"But I told each one that we would have dinner promptly because I thought you boys might wish to hear the program at Baxter. Do you suppose they have all gone to the festival before coming here?"

"That's it, exactly! Let's go, too! Then we can all come home together to a grand Christmas reunion dinner," Horton interrupted.

"Come home to cold turkey, dressing, and potatoes reunion dinner, you mean," Louise snapped.

Hurrying home and eating lunch, Horton, with Louise a bit reluctant, started for Baxter, where a special festival of Christmas music and drama, an annual community affair, for many years, between rival towns, would be presented at the Community Center playhouse. Prizes were awarded to best productions from the two towns.

"The guests must have misunderstood my letter. Whatever it is, they have all 'misunderstood together,' Louise whined.

He seemed unsympathetic to Louise's further peevish questions:

"But not one of our guests are here that I can see. Do you glimpse Uncle's bald head, or sister's fur?"

After the program Horton and Louise watched every means of exit for their guests, then hurried home, arriving at five o'clock. At sight of the left-over dinner, Louise sobbed:

"Never saw such a frost. What on Adam's earth could have happened? What have we—have I done to deserve such snubs?" She was almost suspicious that Horton had something to do with the absence of their guests. She leaped to the jangling of the telephone. Anything was better than silence—or was it?

"Ye—yes—yes—we'll be there—at once!" The receiver clicked.

"Horton, hurry. Someone needs you—at Herald's Corners. Hal called. No, Hal and sister are not hurt, but someone else. You run on and I'll stay to prepare beds."

Horton, Hal, and Louise's sister soon arrived with a man, woman, and small child who had been buried under an automobile after being struck by a hit-and-run driver. When Hal found them, hours before, they were unconscious.

While administering to the injured ones in the spotless beds Louise provided, Uncle Jim and Aunt Jen arrived with Betty and Clyde, son and daughter-in-law, at exactly six o'clock!

"We were determined to be on time for dinner," Aunt Jen called innocently.

"Yes, you are in time—to help nurse these injured strangers," Louise answered, trying not to look discomfited.

"Jim had too bad a cold to go to the program at Baxter. So Clyde said he would drive our car and we would all come together. Clyde could not get away from the store until noon. We thought you would probably go to the program if we were not here to hinder during the afternoon. And we'd get here in time for your six o'clock dinner. Let us help make these injured ones comfortable. Or, we'll get the dinner on the table while you attend them," Aunt Jen rattled on.

"The date of the dinner's coldness seemed not to matter. One thing I've learned, that a cold dinner is no less palatable after eight hours, than for two hours' wait. It's all because of two times—two dates for dinner—12 o'clock—and six o'clock! Two things learned today!" Louise recited to herself the text of the letter sent to her guests, and as nearly as she could remember it was worded:

"Can you come for Christmas dinner? Come early if the men wish to go with Horton to the program at Baxter. We women will gossip the afternoon away until the men return. Dinner promptly then!"

"Dinner at six—for six late guests! But it all turned out right. The poor people were rescued by Hal's coming in the afternoon. Hal said that since he had the afternoon for driving he would leisurely drive by way of Herald's Corners to see the new viaduct just completed. You and I, dear, attended the program together. Uncle Jim needed a driver. Next time I'll make it plain which dinner hour to expect my guests—at one o'clock or at six o'clock on Christmas!" Louise smiled the next day after the injured strangers were on their way, and the guests had returned to their homes.

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Tonsorial Brotherhood Is One of the Oldest

Barbering is one of the oldest of what are sometimes denominated personal occupations. Shaving the head, or some part of it, has been practiced from the earliest times, even among nations which discouraged the shaving of the beard.

Etymologically, the term barber, from the Latin word barba (beard), denotes a shaver of the beard; but it seems that hair-cutting and shaving have usually been accounted one occupation. Shaving is spoken of in Job 1: 20; Genesis xli: 14; Leviticus xiii: 33; and Leviticus xiv: 8-9, and in several other of the Old Testament books; but the first place where the barber is directly mentioned is in Ezekiel v: 1: "And thou, son of man, take thee a barber's razor," etc.

Figures on Egyptian and Assyrian monuments, and on some of the oldest of Chinese porcelains show that shaving of the beard and head as a sign of mourning, or subjection, or religious devotion, was practiced among all these ancient peoples.

It is plainly impossible to discover the origin of barbering. It is interesting to know that in former times this calling was regarded as a profession, dentistry (at least the lancing of gums and drawing of teeth) and bloodletting and leeching being a part of every first-class barber's business.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Nothing for the Ostrich But to Become Zoo Freak

The ostrich is difficult to raise. To begin with, it is not a prolific bird. Under satisfactory climatic conditions it lays at but one season of the year, the eggs numbering about a dozen. The period of incubation for hatching covers 42 days. The male takes turns at setting, going on duty, religiously every evening, to be relieved by his mate at daybreak.

The young chicks are extremely delicate. The parents must be immediately removed, lest they step on their offspring or rob them of their food. Eggs and lettuce constitute the young birds' diet, to which eventually may be added alfalfa, cut into minute pieces. Even with the best of care and attention 75 per cent of the young ones die.

Once grown, however, the ostrich formerly became a perennial source of wealth. Each year as the male developed his gorgeous plumage for the mating season—thus winning the favor of the impressionable female—he was stripped of tail and wing feathers, which were curled, dyed and then shipped to all parts of the world. Now there is nothing left for the ostrich but to join a zoo or a beach resort side show.

Correct "Noon Marks"

Four correct "noon marks" are made in a year, on the following days: December 24, April 15, June 14 and September 1. Owing to the inclination of the earth's axis and its unequal movement in its orbit, solar days vary in their length. The average solar day corresponds to the 24 hours of our clocks, which keeps what is called mean time. If a clock were so constructed as to give the real solar time for all periods of the year, it would be observed that sometimes when the solar clock pointed at noon, the ordinary clock keeping mean time, would be pointing at figures between 11:45 and 12, or at other times between 12 and 12:15. Four times each year, however, upon the days mentioned, the shadow of a dial, or noon-mark, would point due south at noon by the clock.

Hiking Fish

Fish that climb trees are not so rare as fish that go on hiking expeditions. In the latter class, Anabas Testudineus, a 4-inch member of the perch genus, stands, or rather walks, supreme. Equipped by nature with a pair of stilt-like pectoral fins, he is able to propel himself over the ground at a fair speed. But for some curious reason he only "hikes" when the earth is soft and moist. In India, the country of his origin, his expeditions from pond to pond take place either after a rain or at dawn while the dew remains. Though far from a beauty prize winner, the anabas, handicapped by a blunt nose and brassy body, is eagerly sought by pet dealers and collectors throughout the country.—Tit-Bits Magazine.

Two Species of Coral Snakes

There are two species of coral snakes, one known as the harlequin, being found in the Southeast, the other the Sonoran coral snake, in Arizona. They are recognized by their red, yellow and black rings and can be distinguished from similar but harmless snakes by the fact that the black rings are single and bordered by a pair of yellow rings, while the harmless species has single yellow rings bordered with a pair of black rings.

BALLARDVALE

Telephone 1007-M

At the last meeting of the Union Congregational church Men's club a committee was selected to make arrangements for a play to be held in the community room at a later date. The following members were selected: Herbert Ford, Chairman; William McIntyre, Charles Gilliard and George Haselton.

Drivers William Rea and Edward Buchan of the Ballardvale fire station deserve high praise for the way in which they had the station decorated for the Yuletide season.

Mrs. Louis Anthony of Deland, Florida and Miss Frances Sweet of Gloucester spent the Christmas holiday at the home of their niece, Mrs. Herbert Ford of Andover street.

Morris Stevens of Rowley visited in Ballardvale Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Peatman and family of Woburn street spent Wednesday in Greenwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McIntyre and son of Watertown were guests of John Snider Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Haggerty and family spent Sunday in Winchester.

Miss Mabel Herrick visited in Needham over the holiday.

Miss Margaret Bell of Waltham visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Bell of Andover street Christmas.

Rev. and Mrs. George R. Moody entertained Mr. and Mrs. George Moody of Swampscott and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Moody of Newton at their home recently.

Miss Eunice O'Donnell of Manchester-by-the-Sea is spending the school holidays with her parents on Tewksbury street.

Mrs. Lyons of Andover street is visiting in New York.

Mrs. Margaret Milligan of Tewksbury street spent the holiday in New York City.

AMATEUR RADIO CONTEST

A Major Bowes Amateur Radio contest will be held on Friday evening, January 3, at 7.30 o'clock in the Union Congregational church vestry. This contest is under the auspices of the church school.

Applications may be had from Mrs. Marion R. Phelps or Mrs. James Schofield. The contest is open to the boys and girls of the community. Rules governing the contest are as follows:

1. Fill out application form.
2. The specialty is not to last more than five minutes.
3. The applicants must furnish their own music and provide their own accompanist.
4. Applicants are invited to come in costume if possible, or dressed appropriately for their act.
5. Applications must be presented on or before January first. No applicants will be admitted after this date.

Four prizes will be awarded: a first, second, third, and honorable mention.

Tickets will be on sale by members of the church school. The public is invited.

SHAWSHEEN VILLAGE

Telephone 353-M

The Christmas tree sponsored by the Shawsheen Village Woman's club and the Shawsheen merchants was lighted Monday night and presents a very pretty appearance on the Mall.

Miss Doryce Kingston is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jere D. Kingston of Arundel street, until after the new year when she returns to New York to take up her work as directress of amateur plays for the American Producing company.

Mr. and Mrs. John MacNamara of Madison, Me., will be week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jere D. Kingston.

The Lawrence Junior League held its annual dance at the Andover country club on Thursday evening.

There will be a dance for Emmanuel college alumnae and students of Greater Lawrence this evening at the country club.

The annual New Year's Eve dinner dance will be given by the members of the Andover country club next Tuesday at the Andover country club.

The following students of Abbot academy Misses Jane Rice, Jean Waugh, Gloria King, are enjoying the Christmas recess at their homes in the village.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Hull of Pawtucket, R. I., are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kenyon of Kenilworth street.

Dr. and Mrs. Holland Gile of Hanover are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Mulvey of Carisbrooke street.

Mrs. Earl K. Sims and son Robert of Osterville spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. William J. Scanlon of Arundel street.

Miss Gwen Armitage of Haverhill street is home from Smith college for the holidays.

James Steele and Mrs. Carrie Moore of New York City are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Armitage of Haverhill street for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Lobban and daughter Jean of the Aberdeen apartments are spending the holidays in Summitt, N. J.

The Andover-Shawsheen Realty company held a Christmas party for all Shawsheen children between the ages of four and twelve last Friday. Approximately 200 were present. Ice cream and cookies were served, and each child received a box of candy and a Christmas gift. Christmas songs were sung around the beautifully decorated Christmas tree.

SHAWSHEEN SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTY

On Saturday a Christmas party was held in Balmoral hall for the younger children of the Shawsheen Community Sunday school. Games were played and songs were sung by the children. Mr. Mosher entertained the children with readings and stories.

Refreshments were served by the committee: Misses Barbara Bartlett, Jean MacNeil, Betty Wilkinson, Lola Todd, Isobel Fraser. Then gifts were distributed to each child by the superintnedent, Mr. Wade. Santa Claus was unable to be present.

Christmas Program at Village Sunday School

The Christmas program given at the Shawsheen Community Sunday school on Sunday follows:

Opening Hymn 79, O Come All Ye Faithful
Hymn 77, The First Noel
Scripture — Mr. Wade
Prayer — Rev. C. W. Henry
Greetings — David Gardner
We Greet You — Fred Cole
A Little Baby — Margaret Greenquist
Under the Christmas Tree — Nancy Schultze
Playing Santa Claus — Grant MacMackin
Christmas Song — Marion Anderson
Do You Know — Dean Carmichael
Song, Away in a Manger — Kindergarten
Collection, Oh Little Town of Bethlehem
Another Christmas Season Comes
Sally MacLellan, Barbara Dean, Irene Sprague, Sally North, Cynthia Pash, Priscilla Bredbury, Mabel Broughton, Katherine Greenquist
Wishes
George Avery, William Christensen, Leonard Blamire
Sharing Our Best — Marion Dearborn
How Much Room? — James Christie
Guest of Christmastide — Shirley Gordon
Hymn, It Came Upon the Midnight Clear
Christmas Thoughts
William Ross, Thomas Greenquist, William Poland
Christmas Advice
Pauline Erler, Barbara Crosby, Elizabeth Kurth
The Earth is Filled with Glory — Margaret Mitchell
The Sweet Old Story — Constance MacCollum
I know a road that wanders
William Cotham, Gordon Robb, Warren Bell, Wallace Bell
An old-fashioned wish — Jane Lindsay
Hymn, Hark the Herald Angels Sing
The Wish of the Star
Pauline MacMackin, Barbara Lindsay
Christ and the trees — Nancy Rice, Marjorie Howes
The Three Wise Men
Garfield Chase, Jr., Donald MacLellan, Hugh MacNeil
Our Wish — Priscilla Proctor
Hymn

WEST PARISH

Telephone 465

Members of the Carter family gathered for a Christmas dinner party at the Carter homestead. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. James Carter and family of West Newton, Rev. and Mrs. Richard Carter and sons of Greenfield, N. H., Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Carter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bryant and Winifred of Somerville, Miss Lena Davis of Boston, Mr. Karl Haartz of Scituate, Mass.

Irving Hilton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hilton of Lowell street, is spending part of his Christmas recess with friends in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton White of Norwood, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kneath, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Peatman, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Northey, Mr. Ellery Metcalf and Frances and Donald of Saugus and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Lewis and family enjoyed Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lewis of Lowell street.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Foster and daughters Dorothy and Evelyn spent Christmas with Mr. Foster's parents in Methuen.

Donald Mayo of Washington, D. C., is spending several days with his grandmother, Mrs. Frances Eaton, formerly of Lowell street.

Mr. and Mrs. Llewellyn Hughes of Hollywood, California, and Miss Grace Ganley and Joseph Ganley of Washington, D. C., and Walter Ganley of Brookline are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Mooar of Lowell street. Warren Mooar of Washington, D. C., is also visiting his parents.

Mr. Walter F. Lewis of West Springfield is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lewis of Lowell street.

The West Parish junior choir appeared for the first time in their new vestments at the church service held on Christmas Sunday. The title of their song was "A Baby Is Sleeping" and it was very well sung under the direction of Miss Hazel Alexander, choir director. The next rehearsal of the choir will be on Wednesday, January 8, at the usual time.

The next meeting of the Woman's Union will be held on Wednesday, January 8 at 2.30 in the vestry. This will be a week later than usual on account of the annual church meeting. A good attendance is expected to welcome the new president, Mrs. L. F. Wood and to assist in plans for the year's work.

The annual church supper and meeting of the church will take place on Wednesday evening, January 1. All members and friends of the parish are invited. Mrs. John Noyes is chairman of the supper committee.

The next meeting of the Lfalot club will be held on Tuesday evening, January 7, at the home of Mrs. John Hall, Dascomb road, Ballardvale. Miss Ebba Peterson and Miss Elizabeth Doyle will be the hostesses.

Miss Carolyn Burtt, a teacher in the Malden schools, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Burtt of Lowell street.

R. P. C. PARTY

The R. P. C. club of West Andover held their annual Christmas party on Monday evening at the home of Miss Winona Boutwell, Shawsheen road. The members of the club exchanged gifts and each was remembered with a joke. A feature of the meeting was the presentation of a floor lamp to Mrs. John Ford, one of their recently married members. Refreshments were served by Miss Boutwell. Those present were: Mrs. Chandler Bodwell, Mrs. Clayton Northey, Mrs. John Hall, Mrs. Garnett Power, Mrs. Harry Chadwick, Mrs. John Ford, Misses May, Mina and Phoebe Noyes, Miss Margaret Buchan, Miss Mabel Greenough and Winona Boutwell.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTY

The annual Christmas party of the West Parish Sunday school was held in the vestry on Monday evening. The program consisted of carols by the entire congregation; recitations by the following children: Charlie Davidson, Jackie Barbarian, Warren Lewis; a reading by Mrs. John Hall of Ballardvale; and a Christmas play by members of Miss Marion Hardy's class of girls. Those taking part were: Virginia Stevens, Dorothy Davidson, Jeanette Batcheller, Gertrude Batcheller, Julie Barbarian, Peggy Addison, Janet Carter and Marilyn Lewis. After a delightful visit from Santa Claus refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.



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DIAMOND JIM—Edward Arnold 3:50; 6:25; 9:30
HARD ROCK HARRIGAN—George O'Brien 2:25; 8:15

SUNDAY and MONDAY—December 29-30
METROPOLITAN—Lawrence Tibbett Sun. 3:30; 6:15; 9:00 Mon. 3:35; 6:35; 9:20
BAD BOY—James Dunn Sun. 2:25; 5:10; 7:55 Mon. 2:35; 7:55

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY—December 31-January 1-2
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Christ Church Notes

Rev. Arthur N. Taft assisted the rector in the midnight Eucharist on Christmas Eve. The good sized congregation witnessed a beautiful service in the candle-lighted, Christmas-trimmed church and listened to excellent singing by the adult choir.

A colorful procession of the church school entered the church for the pageant service last Sunday night. The reverence in the children's acting of the Christmas story was very evident, and Albert Swenson read the gospel account well. Mrs. C. W. Henry was in charge, with Mrs. F. R. Murray, Miss Doris Hilton, Mrs. R. E. Spencer, Mrs. James H. Eaton and Miss Joyce Henry assisting. Mrs. Bliss's primary children sang a special carol sweetly. Mrs. Mary Harris's solos were effectively rendered.

The Boy Scouts distributed baskets of canned goods on Christmas Eve under the direction of J. D. Little. These gifts had been presented by the Church school children at the pageant service.

The gifts of candy canes by Paul Gigis for the church school Christmas, and of chocolate figures of Santa Claus by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Butler were greatly appreciated.

CHRISTMAS CHEER AWARDS

Twenty baskets were given away last Friday night at the Christmas cheer and whist party held by the British War Veterans in Square and Compass hall.

The following received baskets: Alice Conley, Henry Chudoba, Methuen; John Matthews, Lawrence; J. Donovan, M. Waldie, Jeffrey Thurke, Lawrence; Mary Stewart D. L. Burns, Donald King, V. Borrelli, Robert Dunn, Lawrence; Mary Jager, North Andover; Baby McLachlan, Lawrence; G. Watson, J. McGinnis, Amesbury; James Grant, and Mrs. Keith.

CLAN AUXILIARY PARTY

The Clan auxiliary will hold a New Year's party after its meeting next Thursday. Clansmen and friends are invited.

The business meeting will start at 7.15.



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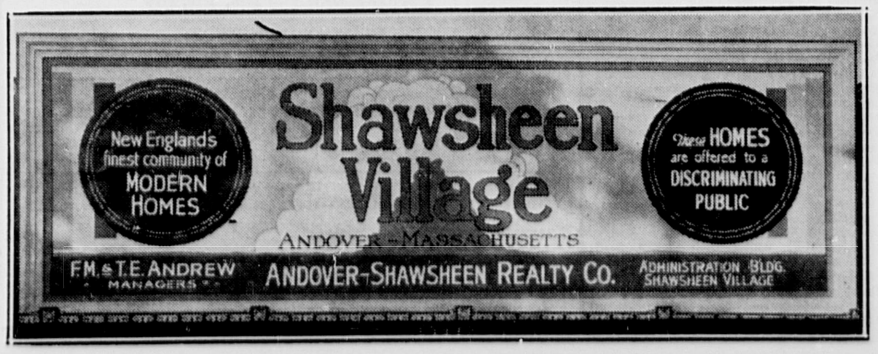
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A Church To Fill

by Frances Grinstead

OUR family had attended Christmas services at the church on the brow of the hill.

It is just a "little brown church," but of recent years it has been modernized with a furnace, a basement for church dinners, and work tables and sand piles in the Sunday school rooms. The grown-ups like it better since there are more and bigger oil lamps.

"What else are you doing at your church this week?" asked Uncle Joe as he spread his napkin and looked toward the turkey. Uncle Joe is a



"What Else Are You Doing at Your Church?" Asked Uncle Joe.

New England minister, with his eyes usually set on heaven; but he does like turkey.

"Why, nothing else," mother answered. "What would we have at the church besides Sunday services and the Christmas sermon, since we've left off Wednesday night prayer meetings?"

"Tell you what I'd do if it were my church," replied uncle, watching father carve. "I'd keep that place warm from morning till late night all this week, with somebody serving tea to any who might drop in, and something going on throughout the holidays. I heard Dave say last night there's nowhere to go but the movies."

Brother jumped. "You wouldn't expect me to go to church every day, sir?"

"I'd fix it so you couldn't stay away. Would you turn down a chance at an old-fashioned taffy pull?"

"Then, since your mother doesn't have to get you off to school this week, why shouldn't she go herself?"

"Are you leaving me out, Joe?" asked father, laying down the carving tools.

"Not by any means! This would be a mighty good time to get your county agent to tell you what to raise next year instead of corn and hogs. Or to get your hand in at chess. By the way, I'd have all those big low tables covered with games. I'll bet there are sets of anagrams and cribbage just going to waste in your attic—"

"There are!" cried Dave, "and wouldn't it be fun, mom, to get out our old phonograph to show the fellows? We got some good records."

"Yes, but hurry, so you can wash the dishes while I use the phone. There's going to be so much going on in that church, we'll be falling over each other to get into it."

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Revenge is the oldest form of boomerang.

Homarus Americanus

By CAP'N TRUMAN ORDIORNE

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BENT SAUNDERS chugs into Skulpin Cove in his lobster boat, puts his day's catch aboard the skiff and skulls ashore. A stranger at the landing hails him. "I say, captain, I would like a half dozen or so of your legal size Homarus Americanus."

Bent straightens up and growls: "What in 'ell you drivin' at?"

"I said I wished to purchase a half dozen Homarus Americanus. I presume you refer to them as lobsters."

"All engaged. None to spare," Bent tells him.

When he gets home he asks his daughter what Homarus Americanus has got to do with lobsters. She tells him it's Latin.

Sixty miles we will go to a big city where live Lydia Hawkins and her widowed mother. Cap'n Abel Hawkins, an old coastwise skipper, had left his wife and daughter comfortably well off. We find Lydia, at twenty-five, a teacher of French in the high school.

For a year she had been running around with a young man named Knowles. He drew a fair to middling salary with a big hardware concern, and had kept an eye on the stock market. He had run a shoestring into a bank roll and was some ten grand to the good. So he and Lydia plan to wed the next June.

Apple blossom time comes along and grassy June is just over the horizon. Then one evening A. Benton calls.

"Lydia," he said, "I have lost every dollar I had in the world and this morning I was given a month's notice at the office. I give you back your promise. I can't marry you now."

Lydia Hawkins liked A. Benton for himself and didn't have the slightest idea of heaving him over just because he'd gone broke.

"Bent Knowles, you damn' lobster! You're squealin' like a stuck pig. Where in h—l are your guts?"

"No woman can talk to me like that," he tells her. "I thought you were a lady." He steps to the hall, grabs his hat and is gone.

A. Benton goes home to his room, sits him down and considers. It was all off so far as Lydia Hawkins was concerned. He had heard that skipper Abel had been a hard swearing, hard driving master, and Lydia, in spite of her college training, was likely to break out in the mouth any time things didn't go to suit her. Next day he boards a bus and turns up at his Uncle Benton Saunders' cottage at Skulpin Cove. After a good lobster supper, pipes going, A. Benton tells Uncle Bent his troubles.

"Benton," he says, "do you think you can haul a lobster pot? We'll rig forty more pots and I'll let you in on shares."

Lydia Hawkins misses A. Benton and is sorry she lit on him so hard. She waits and waits but no word comes from him. In the meantime, she runs afoul of Prof. Alvin Barstow, who teaches Latin. One night he asks her to marry him. There is a lot about the professor that she likes. So she tells him that she needs time to think the matter over. But all the time she's hoping to hear from A. Benton.

Professor Barstow invites Lydia to go for a day's outing to a place down on the North Shore called Skulpin Cove. There they can procure some Homarus Americanus fresh from the sea.

One morning they make an early trip to Skulpin Cove.

"What a day," says Lydia. "We've got to go fishing!"

She hires a dory and drops her kelek outside of the breakers on Raggy Neck. They have luck. They've got half a dozen good sized rocklings when Lydia notes the professor turning a mite green round the gills.

Lydia makes a move to haul in the grab and row ashore with the professor when she sees she has anchored in too close to the point. Just then a motherly old sea curls over, the dory capsizes and Lydia and the professor are hove out.

The dory is bottom up but the grab holds. Lydia holds the professor by the collar, swims the few strokes to the dory, and hangs on. She has seen a fisherman in a power boat headed for the capsized dory, driving hard. He shuts off, reverses to a standstill, and helps the girl and the professor aboard.

As Lydia straightens up she says: "Gosh, Bent, your old boat stinks like h—l!" Then she wraps her bedraggled self around that fisherman and sobs for joy.

Bent Saunders, working in his fish house, sees them coming up from the landing. "Well, I'll be dod-diggered!" says Bent. "It's old Homarus Americanus!"

They dump the professor into his car. Bent takes the wheel and streaks it for his house. He strips the professor, wraps him in blankets and telephones for old Doc White.

A. Benton and Lydia come home in Bent's truck. What talk they have is not set down.

Professor Barstow and Lydia Hawkins drive back to the city next afternoon. He leaves her at her door and drives away without a word. He never calls again.

That evening, tobacco burning free, A. Benton tells Uncle Saunders the story. "She's got the right stuff in her," Saunders tells A. Benton. "Don't let her git away ag'n."

There are more matches made and mended 'long shore with the aid of salt water than are made and mended at country clubs with the aid of gin.

Do You Spell "Abbot" with One or Two "T's"

(Continued from page 1)

minister 6 sh. a year as long as this way of rating remayne."

Witch Caused Carbuncles

When the witchcraft craze struck Andover, Martha Allen Carrier, wife of Thomas Carrier, was one of the first tried and was accused by Benjamin Abbot of causing him to have boils or carbuncles from which several gallons of corruption were let by Dr. Peabody. Martha, plain of speech and outspoken, had had words with Benjamin over the division line between their properties and had made caustic remarks to Benjamin, such as "he should repent his conduct afore seven years came to an end, and she would hold his nose so close to the grind stone as ever it was held since his name was Benjamin Abbot." Also, that "she would stick to him as tight as bark to a tree," etc.

As soon as she was arrested and taken to Salem for trial, Benjamin's boils commenced to mend and grew better every day, as witnesses at the trial averred.

Major Lovejoy in his Lovejoy Genealogy, says that her husband's right name was Thomas Morgan, and that it was he who beheaded Charles I of England. I have examined the account of the execution of the "Regicides," and do not find the name, Morgan, but do find that Thomas Wogan was one of the twenty-three blindfolded men who were on the scaffold when Charles was beheaded, for which the axeman received thirty pounds. These men were promised amnesty in order to get them to testify, but Thomas Wogan did not care to trust their promises, and escaped to America.

The jury finally decided that the regular headsman did it, but he never acknowledged it, and his wife said she never heard him mention doing the act, and my surmise is that the lot fell to Wogan, and that he felt the danger to his own neck, he having been selected to divert suspicion from the regular headsman. It would have been very easy to mistake a W for an M in the old written records of this trial. So we may have harbored a regicide in Andover. Wogan, or Carrier, seems to have some suspicion hanging over him, for, after being requested to leave Andover, and going to live in Sudbury, he was also asked to leave there. His troubles do not seem to have worried him, for Abiel Abbot says, "He lived to be 109 years old, and walked six miles a few days before his death. His hair was not gray nor his head bald."

Isaac (4), George (1), George (2), Isaac (3) was the son of Isaac Abbot and Phebe Lovejoy, a daughter of Deacon William Lovejoy, who was one of the first two deacons of the South church. Born February 13, 1745; died May 21, 1836. (According to will of his son, William, of Concord, N. H., who entered a claim for his, "Isaac's pension.") Isaac (4) was 2nd. Lieut. in Capt. Benjamin Ames' Company, Col. James Frye's Rgt., and was wounded at Bunker Hill. There were two killed and seven wounded in this company at that engagement. Simeon Flint, grandson of Capt. Chas. Furbush, tells of Isaac Abbot's being wounded and being carried off the field "in his blood." by John Barker, who said, "The enemy shall not get Isaac." Both Abbott and Barker Family legends confirm this story, but descendants of Capt. Benj. Farnham claim that he was the one carried off the field by Barker, who used his gun for a seat and ran off the field with him, saying, "The regulars cannot have Ben!"

Isaac Abbot married Phebe Chandler, October 28, 1765. She was the daughter of Capt. Nathan Chandler and Priscilla (Holt) Chandler, and was a sister of Lieut. Nathan Chandler, my great, great grandfather. My own mother's given name was Phebe Chandler, for this great aunt of hers.

Phebe Chandler was born June 4, 1742 and died July 1800. Her children were:

Phebe, born May 27, 1767; died Nov. 8, 1772

Isaac (5), born Dec. 9, 1768; died Dec. 27, 1806

Priscilla, born June 1, 1770; died Feb. 1830

William, born Oct. 30, 1772

Priscilla married John Kneeland in 1820. He was a stepson of Samuel Abbot, who married the widow Kneeland. The Kneelands lived in the Newman cottage, corner of Central and Chestnut streets, now owned by Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson. William, son of Isaac and Phebe, lived in Concord, N. H., at the time of his father's death.

Extracts from the will of Isaac (4) Abbot: "In the first place I commit my soul into the hands of my Creator, hoping for pardon and acceptance through Christ my Redeemer, and my body to the earth to be decently buried by executors hereinafter named . . .To my granddaughter, Mrs. Mary Shattuck, one silver tablespoon, teaspoons and clock, and ten dollars in legal money.

"To my grandchildren, Josiah F., Isaac and Samuel, children of my son Isaac, ten dollars each . . . To Mary, widow of my son Isaac, my black camelot cloake and ten dollars in legal money . . . To William, Isaac and Moses, children of my son William, all my wearing apparel except cloake, and ten dollars each, in legal money.

"To my granddaughter Rebekah, daughter of my son William, my dictionary (Bailey's), my Bible, also my umbrella and ten dollars in legal money.

"My dwelling house that I now live in to my son William of Concord, N. H."

This will was drawn up Sept. 14, 1833. His son William was executor. Isaac was pensioned by the U. S. Government.

The last years of his life he was blind. He was a storekeeper, first postmaster, in 1795, town clerk, selectman, clerk of markets, deacon of the South church from 1794 to 1825 and held other church offices, a man of integrity and high religious principle.

He petitioned the General Court in 1776 for right to keep an inn, as an inn near him had been closed, and he was often obliged to take in travelers going through by stage coach, which apparently went by his residence. He kept this inn from 1776 until 1795 when he sold to Jonathan Patten Hall of Boston.

He together with John Fiske, kept a general store and together with another storekeeper, Samuel Phillips, supplied the "Arcadians" with food and clothing. Among other things listed was "Sider."

The "Arcadians" lived in the Jonathan Abbot House, (later Stephen Abbot's) in the south part of the town.

Abbot Tavern
House and Land

Part of the land came to Isaac (4) Abbot by succession from his father, Isaac (3), ior, by a deed from Samuel Abbot to Isaac (3), dated Nov. 17, 1738, recorded October 28, 1741, for the sum of 305 pounds, fifteen acres joining the parsonage land is transferred, and is apparently the land including this house lot. In later deeds this same parsonage land is called the land of Rev. Thomas Barnard, and still later as land of Gamaliel Gleason. This land I assume, is now owned by the heirs of William G. Goldsmith.

Isaac (4) mortgaged this property Dec. 29, 1783 to Samuel Abbot, securing 158 pounds, and later a further mortgage for 235 pounds to Samuel Abbot, dated Feb. 13, 1793. Isaac Abbot, Jr., trader, on November 4, 1795, deeds to Jonathan Patten Hall of Boston, 25 acres, subject to two mortgages mentioned above. Hall, on Dec. 11, 1799, deeds this same property to John Cornish, "tailor" of Boston. John Cornish in his will filed March 31, 1818, nominates William Batchelder and Lucius Bolles, trustees of his estate, subject to life interest of Zeviah Cornish, therein.

These trustees and Theophilus Bacheller and Zeviah, his wife, convey to Nathaniel West of Lynn, four parcels of land, dated April 1, 1818, which includes this same property. Nathaniel West conveys the same four parcels to Amos Abbot, dated Nov. 10, 1848. Nathaniel West deeds this, subject to a life interest in the property by Capt. Edward West, presumably father of Eleanor West, the wife of Amos Abbot.

Amos Abbot deeds the same four lots to Samuel B. Locke of Charlestown, Nov. 2, 1861, and the house and part of the land have been held by the Locke family ever since. At least part of this 25 acres was inherited by Isaac (4) Abbot from his grandfather, William Lovejoy, as he is named in Lovejoy's will, and together with his sisters, Phebe and Sarah, receives one half of his grandfather's estate.

This Lovejoy land ran out to and included the road now called Walnut avenue, formerly called the "Mill Road," as it led from the Lovejoy house to the Lovejoy grist mill, which stood on the Shawsheen river in in Marland's village.

I do not find any confirmation of the assertion that the house was built in 1680, and certainly only a part could possibly be of that age.

Quotations from William Lovejoy's will may be interesting. The will was executed Jan. 14. 1762. After providing for his wife, Sarah, as per a prenuptial contract, and granting his negro servant his freedom, he devises as follows:

"I give to my beloved daughter Anne Abot, and to her heirs and assignes forever my silver tankard, and the one half of my real and personal estate after my debts and funeral charges are paid, and what is to be paid my said wife, except my negro man, and I give my beloved grandchildren, viz., children of my daughter Phebe Lovejoy Abbot, deceased—that is to wit—Isaac, Phebe and Sarah and their heirs and assignes forever, the one half of all my real and personal estate, except my negro man and silver tankard and expenses and wife's dower to be equally divided between them. The whole estate left after bequests my daughter one half, my grandchildren one half, both as to quantity and quality. I constitute my son-in-law Isaac (3) Abbot and my grandson Nehemiah Abot joint executors of this my last will."

Thomas Abbot, John Abbot and George Abbot were appointed to take an inventory, which in part was: Buildings, 53L; 6sh., 8d. Homestead land on the east side of Boston Road (now Elm street), 125L. Homestead land on the west side of Boston road, 125L. This last lot contained at least part of Isaac (4) Abbot's land. The whole estate inventoried 722L, 18sh., 11d.

Washington's Visit to Andover

Shortly after his inauguration, Washington made a tour of the eastern states, visiting Andover on his return from New Hampshire, and on his way from Haverhill to Lexington. This visit to Andover is thus described by Judge Phillips' biographer, viz:

"Tuesday A.M. Nov. 5, 1789 he drove early to Andover and breakfasted at Deacon Isaac Abbot's tavern in the house now owned by Hon. Amos Abbot. Here as he stood in front of the house, some of our most aged citizens remember to have seen him. While tarrying here, he asked the little daughter of the Deacon to mend his riding glove for him, and when she had done it, took her upon his knee and gave her a kiss, which so elated Miss Priscilla that she would not allow her face to be washed again for a week."

General Washington was the guest of Judge Phillips at the Mansion house, where he met some of the principal citizens. He received the salutations of the people as he sat on horseback on the common near the Mansion house. (One account says, "he sat upon a white horse.")

To quote from General Washington's own journal: "Tuesday, Nov. 5, 1789. About sunrise I set out crossing the Merrimack River at the town (Haverhill) over to the township of Bradford, and in nine miles to Abbot's tavern, Andover, where we breakfasted and met with much attention from Mr. Phillips, president of the Senate of Massachusetts, who accompanied us through 'Billarike' to Lexington where I dined and viewed the spot on which the first blood was spilt in the dispute with Great Britain on the 19th of April 1775."

He remarked on the beautiful scenery and the fine cultivation of the countryside. Whether Priscilla was diminutive of stature, or whether some one supplied the "little" in the above account, I leave you to guess, but as she was born June 1, 1770, she would have been nineteen years old at the time of Washington's visit.

My cousin, Charlotte Helen Abbott, calls Elizabeth or Ludia Calley, the second wife of our Isaac, when in reality she was his stepmother, aged 85 years at the time of this visit. Isaac's one and only wife did not die until 1800.

Another mistake which is made in one account was in saying that Isaac graduated at Harvard University in 1723. It was his father who had that distinction. Our Isaac was not born until 1745. Charlotte Helen Abbott also makes the error of making Isaac, the father, the inn keeper, which is incorrect, for Isaac (3) died in 1784.

Captain Charles Furbush of this town received an invitation from General Washington while the army was stationed at Cambridge, that will be of interest to some here present, which is described by a grandson of Captain Furbush as follows:

"This invitation is written on figured paper, a strip six inches long and three inches wide, folded once lengthwise, and then by four angles into a square, and addressed to Capt. Furbush, Col. Bridges' Regt. The contents are as follows:

"'General Washington's compliments to Captain Furbush and requests his company to dinner today.' This was to meet 'Lady Washington.'"

Samuel Bean was Postrider in 1780 and carried the "Independent Chronicle" from Boston to Londonderry, N. H., and probably followed the "Chandler Trail." He may have ridden post before 1780 between Boston and Haverhill for that route was started in 1775.

Isaac Abbot in his petition for a license to keep a tavern, mentions the fact that he is inconvenienced by people coming to his house for entertainment, another inn in the vicinity having been closed. This last inn probably stood near Wilson's corner, and very likely was the one petitioned for in 1715 by James and Lydia Frye Parker. Charlotte Helen Abbott thinks the Parker inn and the Abbot tavern one and the same, but Frye, a relative of Lydia's, thinks Wilson's corner the site of this Parker inn.

From my study of old deeds, I think we are now standing—here at the Isaac Abbot tavern—on land that belonged originally to George (1) Abbot.

The property went from George (1) to George (2), to Samuel (3), to Isaac (4), proprietor of the tavern, I believe that at least part of the land deeded by Isaac (4) came to him by will from his grandfather, William Lovejoy.

"White oak trees and black oak trees and stake and stones" do not convey much information to one, after an interval of 250 years.

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